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# IN RE: REVIEW OF AGGREGATE MEASURABLE COST SAVINGS DETERMINED BY DIRIGO HEALTH FOR THE SECONDASSESSMENT YEAR (2007)

Dear Superintendent Iuppa:

Please find enclosed for filing in the above captioned matter, the following documents from Consumers for Affordable Health Care. Please contact me with any questions.

- 1. Filing Cover Sheet
- 2. CAHC Application to Intervene

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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## STATE OF MAINE DIRIGO HEALTH AGENCY

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# STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION BUREAU OF INSURANCE

DETERMINATION OF AGGREGATE	
MEASURABLE COST SAVINGS	Consumers for Affordable Health Care
FOR THE SECOND ASSESSMENT YEAR	Application to Intervene
2007	)

Docket No. INS-06-900

Now comes Consumers for Affordable Health Care Coalition ("C.A.H.C."), by and through its attorneys, with its application to intervene as a matter of right, pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §9054(1) and Bureau of Insurance Rule Chapter 350, in the above captioned matter on behalf of its members for the following reasons:

- [1] Consumers for Affordable Health Care (C.A.H.C.) is a Maine non-profit corporation located at 39 Green Street in Augusta, Maine. C.A.H.C. is Maine's largest consumer health coalition whose mission is to advocate for affordable, quality health care for every man, woman and child.
- [2] C.A.H.C.'s membership includes over one-hundred members, including 35 businesses and organizations. The organization and business members, include consumer organizations such as the Maine Council of Senior Citizens, labor unions and organizations including the Maine AFL-CIO, small businesses, faith-based organizations including the Maine Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, and health care provider associations such as the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill/Maine, the Maine State Nurses Association, the Maine Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, and many others. Its collective membership represents the health care and coverage interests of over 200,000 Maine citizens.
- [3] C.A.H.C. was a party as of right in the recent proceeding before the Dirigo Health Agency Board of Directors. C.A.H.C. was a party as of right in the proceeding to determine the aggregate measurable cost savings held in September October 2005 before the Maine Superintendent of Insurance. Consumers for Affordable Health Care has substantial experience in adjudicatory matters of this nature.
- [4] C.A.H.C. is also a party in interest in the appeals of the Superintendent's October 29, 2005 decision and the Dirigo Health Agency's assessment determination pending before the Superior Courts in Cumberland and Kennebec Counties respectively.
- [5] C.A.H.C.'s members will or may be directly and substantially affected by the determination in the above-captioned matter in the following ways: [a] C.A.H.C.'s members include purchasers of health insurance, including DirigoChoice, whose rates, subsidies, and/or coverage may be affected; [b] C.A.H.C.'s members include uninsured and underinsured individuals and small businesses in need of affordable coverage whose eligibility for and/or subsidies under the DirigoChoice may be affected; and [c]

C.A.H.C.'s members include publicly insured individuals and families whose eligibility for and/or coverage may be affected by the outcome of this proceeding.

For all of the above reasons, C.A.H.C. requests that its application to intervene as a matter of right be GRANTED.

Dated: Monday, June 12, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **Certificate of Service**

I, Joseph P. Ditré, Esq., certify that the foregoing **Application to Intervene** was served this day upon the following parties via U.S. Mail and electronically.

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